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Applicant: Russell Dickerson et al. Examiner: Unassigned  
Serial No.: 09/932,408 Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: August 18, 2001 Docket: 230074-0237  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING SECURE SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE AREAS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449
- ☒ Copies of Cited References
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or

otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

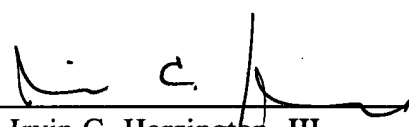
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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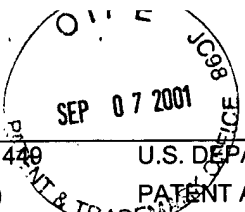
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,737,760	04/07/98	Grimmer, Jr. et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**


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